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1. [REDACTED] Talked with William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to discuss two subjects: (1) I explained that the Director's schedule was such that he would very much like to meet with the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services next week if this was possible. Otherwise, he would not be able to meet with the Subcommittee until the middle of March. Mr. Darden said he would convey this to the Chairman but noted that the posture hearings with Secretary McNamara and General Taylor are scheduled beginning next Monday and running through the entire week, morning and afternoon, and he doubted that there was any way to fit in a Subcommittee meeting. However, he will raise this with the Chairman and advise. (2) I then explained some of the problems involved in SWITCHBACK adding that General Carter very much wished to meet with Senator Russell to discuss this problem and to secure the Senator's views on possible solutions. Darden stated he would advise the Senator and we would then try to set a time.

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2. [REDACTED] Talked with Robert Smart, House Armed Services Committee staff, and returned to him the report which he had furnished me several days ago which the Chairman had received from Verona of the CRC dealing with the Cuban situation. I furnished him also with an analysis of this report prepared by [REDACTED] DD/I office. Later, Mr. Smart advised me he had shown this to the Chairman who simply requested that the matter be filed.

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I also discussed with Smart the Director's desire to meet with the CIA Subcommittee, having in mind the letter to the Director from the Chairman dated 6 February. Smart thought possibly a meeting could be arranged for Thursday but he will check with the Chairman and advise.

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3. [REDACTED] Bob Michaels, House Appropriations Staff called to say he had discussed the SWITCHBACK problem with Mr. Mahon and the desire of General Carter to meet with him. However, Mr. Mahon was holding continuing hearings all this week and advised that he did not see how he could meet with General Carter but that if we thought it would be useful, we could have someone discuss this in detail with Bob Michaels.